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SUBJECT: NINTH MEETING OF US-SPANISH JOINT COMMITTEE ON
DEFENSE MATTERS

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1. SUMMARY: AT COT 31 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING SPANISH AND US
CO-CHAIRMAN REVIEWED STATUS OF FINANCING, EXECUTION AND
DELIVERIES OF EQUIPMENT UNDER MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
STIPULATED IN 1970 AGREEMENT. THERE WAS AGREEMENT TO
BEGIN IMMEDIATELY IN PERMANENT SECRETARIAT TO IMPLEMENT
FIVE-POINT US DEFENSE COMPATIBILITY ACTION PLAN, WHICH
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WAS ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE BY SPANISH, WITHOUT AWAITING

FULL CLARIFICATION SOUGHT BY SPANISH OF BROADER DEFENSE QUESTIONS. SPANISH DECLINED TO APPROVE EITHER ADDITIONAL FM FREQUENCIES FOR THREE US BASES OR TV BROADCASTING STATION FOR TORREJON. FOREIGN MINISTER CONFIRMED THAT GOS WOULD AGREE TO CLOSED CIRCUIT TV, BUT REGRETTED THAT GOS CANNOT AMEND EXISTING LAWS WHICH BAR BROADCAST TV. FOREIGN MINISTER UNDERTOOK TO RAISE THE QUESTION AGAIN OF THE USE BY ROTA OF THE FM FREQUENCY ASSIGNED TORREJON AND VICE VERSA IN VIEW OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FURNISHED BY US. FOREIGN MINISTER REQUESTED US TO REDUCE SHIP VISITS TO GIBRALTAR, NOTING THAT SUCH VISITS NEITHER UNDERSTOOD NOR APPRECIATED IN VIEW OF NEARBY AVAILABILITY TO US NAVY OF BASE AT ROTA. AFTER US CO-CHAIRMAN REAFFIRMED IMPORTANCE OF US NEUTRALITY IN GIBRALTAR DISPUTE, FOREIGN MINISTER WARNED THAT SPANISH PUBLIC OPINION SENSITIVE TO US POSITION ON GIBRALTAR AND FAILURE TO REDUCE VISITS COULD CREATE ADVERSE PUBLIC ATTITUDE UNFAVORABLE TO COMING NEGOTIATIONS. US SIDE REITERATED THAT PATTERN AND FREQUENCY OF VISITS FOLLOWS LONG-STANDING PRACTICE AND ANY CHANGE, ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, COULD BE INTERPRETED AS FAVORING ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER. CONCLUDING WITH CONGRATULATIONS FOR MIDDLE EAST CEASEFIRE, FOREIGN MINISTER EXPRESSED SPAIN'S "TOTAL UNDERSTANDING" OF US POLICY OF PREVENTING SOVIETS FROM IMPOSING THEIR WILL IN MIDDLE EAST. US CO-CHAIRMAN POINTED OUT THAT ACTIONS TAKEN BY US, WHICH CONVINCED RUSSIANS OF DETERMINATION OF US NOT TO PERMIT THEM TO DECIDE THE OUTCOME OF THE CONFLICT WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN EXPEDITING ATTAINMENT OF CEASEFIRE. END SUMMARY.

2. PARTICIPATING IN NINTH MEETING OF US-SPANISH JOINT COMMITTEE AT SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY (MFA) OCTOBER 31 WERE: US AND SPANISH CO-CHAIRMAN, AMBASSADOR RIVERO AND FOREIGN MINISTER LOPEZ-RODO; US AND SPANISH MILITARY ADVISORS, GENERALS GOODPASTER AND EADE AND SPANISH HIGH GENERAL STAFF CHIEF LT. GEN. MANUEL DIEZ-ALEGRIA; AND US AND SPANISH MILITARY AND DIPLOMATIC SECRETARIES.

3. STATUS OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS - FIRST FIVE AGENDA ITEMS WERE ROUTINE STATUS REPORTS ON DELIVERY OF CONFIDENTIAL

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MILITARY EQUIPMENT PURCHASED WITH EX-IM BANK CREDITS, DELIVERIES OF GRANT AID MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND SHIP LOANS PROGRESS OF MODERNIZATION SPANISH AIR CONTROL AND WARNING NET, AND BALANCE AVAILABLE TO SPAIN UNDER EX-IM BANK MILITARY EQUIPMENT CREDIT LINE. POSITION PAPERS WERE ACCEPTED WITH ONLY BRIEF DISCUSSION. IT WAS AGREED THAT FEW UNRESOLVED DETAILS NOTED IN DELIVERY PROGRAMS FOR THREE SERVICES SHOULD BE WORKED OUT AT LOWER LEVELS. US

CO-CHAIRMAN NOTED IMPORTANCE OF PRECISE INFORMATION
IN CASES OF ALLEGED DISCREPANCIES IF THERE IS TO BE
QUICK SOLUTIONS.

4. DIEZ-ALEGRIA, WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AGREEING, VOICED
SATISFACTION OF GOS, AND PARTICULARLY SPANISH NAVY, WITH
SPIRIT OF COOPERATION DEMONSTRATED BY US NAVY AND OTHER
PARTICIPANTS IN CARRYING OUT AGREEMENT. GENERAL GOODPASTER
WAS GRATIFIED THAT PROGRAMS UNDER AGREEMENT WERE MAKING
THE PROGRESS INTENDED IN MODERNIZING AND IMPROVING
EFFECTIVENESS OF SPAIN'S ARMED FORCES, SINCE SUCH
IMPROVEMENTS ARE IN INTEREST OF BOTH SPAIN AND US.

5. FOREIGN MINISTER ENDORSED GENERAL GOODPASTER'S VIEWS
AND TOOK OCCASION TO THANK HIM FOR HIS STATEMENTS ON SPAIN
AND WESTERN DEFENSE THAT APPEARED IN INTERVIEW IN "LA
VANGUARDIA" OF BARCELONA OCT 28. HE COMMENTED THAT
HE HAD BEEN IN BARCELONA WHEN INTERVIEW APPEARED AND
COULD SEE IT WAS WELL RECEIVED BY PUBLIC. LOPEZ-RODO
ALSO APPRECIATED FACT THAT POSITION PAPERS SHOWED TOTAL
AGREEMENT BETWEEN US AND SPAIN ON EX-IM CREDIT BALANCE
AND THAT US HAD APPROVED USE OF THIS BALANCE TO FINANCE
TERRITORIAL COMMAND NET.

6. DEFENSE COMPATIBILITY PLAN (AGENDA ITEM 6) - FONMIN
CONSIDERED PLAN ESSENTIAL PART OF AGREEMENT THAT STILL
HAD NOT BEEN PUT INTO EFFECT. GOS'S RECENT RESPONSE
(REF B), HE ADDED, HAD USED US PROPOSED ACTION PLAN AS
POINT OF DEPARTURE, AND HE HOPED US WOULD STUDY IT AND
REPLY URGENTLY. WHILE AGREEING THAT GOS HAD ACCEPTED

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US ACTION PLAN, DIEZ-ALEGRIA SAW NEED FOR FURTHER
CLARIFICATION OF CERTAIN POINTS TO MAKE MILITARY
COOPERATION MORE EFFECTIVE.

7. AMBASSADOR CONSIDERED THAT DISCUSSIONS COULD BEGIN
RIGHT AWAY ON SPECIFIC, PRACTICAL MEASURES SUCH AS TRAINING
AND LOGISTICAL COMPATIBILITY, WITHOUT WAITING FOR CLARI-
FICATION OF BROADER ISSUES. FONMIN AND DIEZ-ALEGRIA
ACCEPTED THIS APPROACH, STATING THERE IS NO NEED TO AWAIT
COMPLETION OF ENTIRE PACKAGE BEFORE PUTTING ACTION PLAN
INTO EFFECT.

8. ARMED FORCES RADIO AND TV - DEALING SIMULTANEOUSLY
WITH US REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL FM FREQUENCIES AND FOR
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TV FOR TORREJON (AGENDA ITEMS 7 AND 9), AMBASSADOR COM-
MENTED THAT, WHILE SUCH REQUESTS MAY SEEM TRIVIAL, THEY
CAN AFFECT MORALE OF US FORCES, WHO EXPECT SAME LEVEL OF
SERVICES WHEREVER THEY ARE STATIONED IN EUROPE. GENERAL
EADE HAD NO DOUBT SPANISH GOVERNMENT ALSO RECOGNIZES
IMPORTANCE OF RADIO/TV TO WELFARE AND TRAINING OF US
FORCES AND HAD SO ACKNOWLEDGED IN AGREEMENTS. WITH
REGARD TO ADDITIONAL FM FREQUENCIES, GENERAL DIEZ-ALEGRIA
SAID THAT MINISTRY OF INFORMATION HAD IN JUNE 1973 AGAIN
CONFIRMED ITS REFUSAL ON TECHNICAL GROUNDS. BUT SINCE
US HAS SINCE PRESENTED ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL ARGUMENTS,
HE WOULD AGAIN REQUEST MINISTRY TO CONSIDER THEM. WITH
REGARD TO DISAPPROVAL OF TV, LOPEZ-RODO SAID THAT DECISION OF
GOS WAS DEFINITE SINCE NO TV SYSTEM PERMISSIBLE THAT MIGHT BE
RECEIVED BEYOND LIMITS OF BASE. HE STATED THAT US COULD ESTABLISH
CLOSED CIRCUIT TV, WHICH WOULD BE EQUALLY BENEFICIAL FOR
TRAINING AND WELFARE OF US FORCES.

9. WHILE WELCOMING FONMIN'S APPROVAL OF CLOSED CIRCUIT SYSTEM, WHICH HE NOTED WOULD REQUIRE FURTHER STUDY, AMBASSADOR RESPONDED THAT US HAD PHYSICALLY PROVED IN TEST THAT IT COULD LIMIT BROADCAST TV SIGNAL TO CONFINES OF BASE. LOPEZ-RODO REPLIED THAT TV BROADCASTING WAS A LEGISLATIVE AS WELL AS A TECHNICAL PROBLEM, SINCE IT WOULD REQUIRE LEGISLATIVE CHANGES THAT GOVT NOT IN A POSITION TO BRING ABOUT.

10. SIXTH FLEET AIRCRAFT VIOLATIONS (AGENDA ITEM 8) - AMBASSADOR AND GENERAL EADE AFFIRMED US DETERMINATION TO PREVENT VIOLATIONS AND TO ABIDE BY AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLS IN SPAIN. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT IF THERE HAVE BEEN VIOLATIONS THEY WERE COUNTER TO US POLICY AND SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED. HE AND GENERAL EADE STRESSED NEED FOR TIMELY, DETAILED INFORMATION ON CIRCUMSTANCES OF ANY VIOLATIONS COMING TO ATTENTION OF SPANISH SO PROMPT CORRECTIVE ACTION CAN BE TAKEN.

11. DIEZ-ALEGRIA ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE EARLIER WRITTEN US STATEMENT ON VIOLATIONS PRESENTED IN PERMANENT SECRETARIAT INFORMING HIM OF REMEDIAL STEPS TO PREVENT FUTURE INCIDENTS, WHICH HE WAS CERTAIN WOULD BE RARE.

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12. FONMIN RECALLED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED AIRCRAFT VIOLATIONS (IN CONNECTION WITH ISRAEL RESUPPLY OPERATIONS) WITH AMB ON OCT 19 (REF C) AND THAT FOLLOWING DAY AMB HAD ASSURED HIM BY LETTER THAT FLIGHT PATH OF RESUPPLY AIRCRAFT DOES NOT PENETRATE SPANISH AIRSPACE. HE PROPOSED THAT AMB'S LETTER (REF D) AND FONMIN'S REPLY OF OCT 20 (REF E) BE INCLUDED IN MINUTES OF JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING. NOTING THAT 11 DAYS HAD PASSED WITHOUT ANY REPLY BEING RECEIVED TO HIS OCT 20 LETTER, FONMIN ASKED THAT AMB EITHER GIVE ORAL REPLY AT MEETING OR A WRITTEN REPLY AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. AMB STATED HE WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO ADDRESS AT THIS MEETING BROADER QUESTIONS (RELATED TO LOS) RAISED BY FONMIN'S LETTER, WHICH HAD BEEN SENT TO DEPT OF STATE AND WOULD PROBABLY BE ACTED ON SOON.

13. SHIP VISITS TO GIBRALTAR - FONMIN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT GIBRALTAR WAS NOT ON AGENDA (MFA HAD PREVIOUSLY DECIDED TO DELETE IT), BUT WISHED TO USE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS GOS DESIRE THAT US NOT MAKE SUCH FREQUENT NAVAL VISITS TO THAT PORT. PRESENCE OF US SHIPS AT GIBRALTAR, FONMIN ADDED, NIETHER PLEASING NOR UNDERSTOOD IN VIEW OF AVAILABILITY TO US NAVY OF AMPLE FACILITIES NEARBY AT ROTA.

14. AMB POINTED OUT THAT US MUST HAVE IMPARTIAL POSITION IN DISPUTE BETWEEN TWO GOOD FRIENDS. THEREFORE US CANNOT TAKE ACTIONS OR MAKE CHANGES THAT WOULD APPEAR TO BE PARTIAL TO ONE OR ANOTHER PARTY. GEN GOODPASTER AGREED, NOTING HE UNAWARE OF ANY CHANGE IN NORMAL PATTERNS

OF VISITS EITHER AS TO TYPE OR SCHEDULING. HE EXPLAINED THAT US ADHERES TO NORMAL PATTERN THAT HAS BEEN IN EFFECT FOR MANY YEARS.

15. REPEATING REQUEST, LOPEZ-RODO WARNED THAT ATTITUDE OF SPANISH PUBLIC OPINION TOWARD RENEWAL OF AGREEMENTS WILL BE VERY SENSITIVE TO US POSITION. HE WAS CONCERNED THAT ADVERSE PUBLIC OPINION COULD RESULT FROM FAILURE TO REDUCE VISITS THAT WOULD HINDER BASE NEGOTIATIONS.

16. MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT - CONCLUDING MEETING, FONMIN SAID CONGRATULATIONS WERE IN ORDER FOR CEASEFIRE IN ME. NOW WORK CAN BEGIN FOR JUST AND LASTING PEACE WHICH SPAIN DESIRES. HE EXPRESSED SPAIN'S "TOTAL UNDERSTANDING" OF US POLICY OBJECTIVE THAT SOVIETS NOT SUCCESSFULLY IMPOSE THEIR WILL IN ME, TAKING NOTE OF SPAIN'S SUSPICIONS OF SOVIET UNION, WITH WHICH IT DOES NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. RECALLING FRANCO'S LETTER OF OCT 13 TO PRESIDENT
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URGING JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT IN ME, LOPEZ-RODO HOPED HE COULD HAVE PRESIDENT'S REPLY IN TIME TO DELIVER IT TO GENERALISIMO AT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING NOV 2.

17. AMB AGREED WITH FONMIN'S VIEWS, ADDING THAT MANY COUNTRIES--INCLUDING US AND SPAIN--HAD WORKED TO BRING IT ABOUT. HE BELIEVED THAT US SHOW OF DETERMINATION HAD CONVINCED RUSSIANS THAT THEY COULD NOT IMPOSE THEIR WILL AND HAD THEREBY ACCELERATED CEASEFIRE.

18. AFTER AMB NOTED FOR RECORD ESTABLISHMENT OF INDIRECT LABOR HIRE SYSTEM ON BASES EFFECTIVE APR 1, 1973, SESSION CONCLUDED
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